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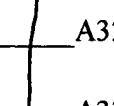
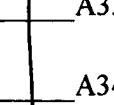
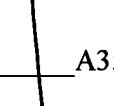
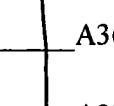
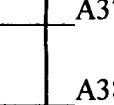
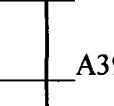
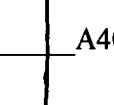
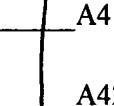
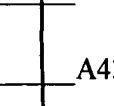
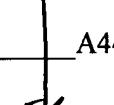
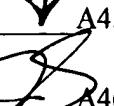
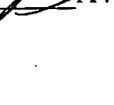
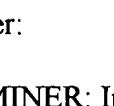
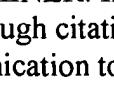
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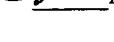
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 A35	4,771,782	09/20/1988	Millar
 A36	4,772,266	09/20/1988	Groshong
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 A51	5,114,065	05/19/1992	Storace
 A52	5,131,379	07/21/1992	Sewell, Jr.
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 A60	5,275,616	01/04/1994	Fowler
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 A69	5,350,399	09/27/1994	Erlebacher et al.
 A70	5,352,229	10/04/1994	Goble et al.
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 A75	5,416,584	05/16/1995	Kay
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 A85	5,507,755	04/16/1996	Gresl et al.
 A86	5,522,840	06/04/1996	Krajicek
 A87	5,536,251	07/16/1996	Evard et al.
 A88	5,544,802	08/13/1996	Crainich
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 A91	5,601,602	02/11/1997	Fowler
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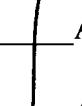
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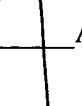
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 A114	5,922,009	07/13/1999	Epstein et al.
 A115	5,935,147	08/10/1999	Kensey et al.
 A116	5,941,890	08/24/1999	Voegele et al.
 A117	5,951,518	09/14/1999	Licata et al.
 A118	5,951,589	09/14/1999	Epstein et al.
 A119	5,964,782	10/12/1999	Lafontaine et al.
 A120	5,984,949	11/16/1999	Levin
 A121	6,004,341	12/21/1999	Zhu et al.
 A122	6,022,372	02/08/2000	Kontos
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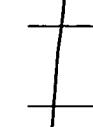
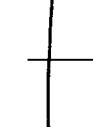
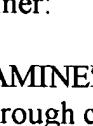
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A149	6,533,762	03/18/2003	Kanner et al.
A150	6,547,806	04/15/2003	Ding
A151	6,602,263	08/05/2003	Swanson et al.
A152	6,616,686	09/09/2003	Coleman et al.
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A154	6,626,918	09/30/2003	Ginn et al.
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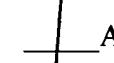
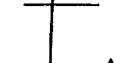
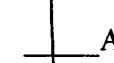
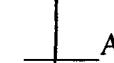
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 A166	2001/0007077	07/05/2001	Ginn et al.
 A167	2002/0026208	02/28/2002	Belef
 A168	2002/0026215	02/28/2002	Redmond et al.
 A169	2002/0049472	04/25/2002	Coleman et al.
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 A171	2002/0077657	06/20/2002	Ginn et al.
 A172	2002/0107542	08/08/2002	Kanner et al.
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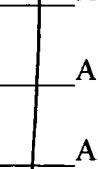
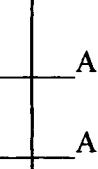
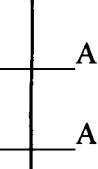
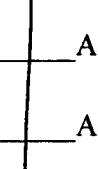
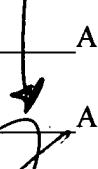
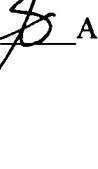
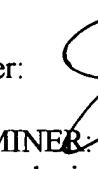
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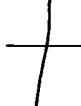
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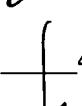
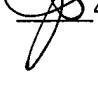
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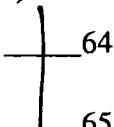
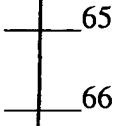
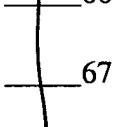
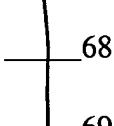
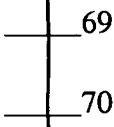
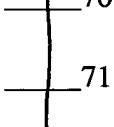
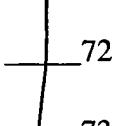
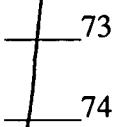
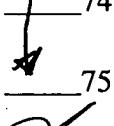
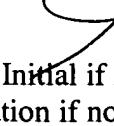
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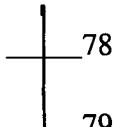
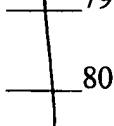
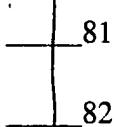
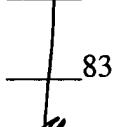
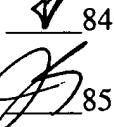
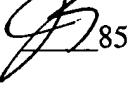
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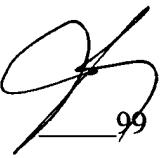
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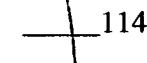
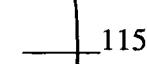
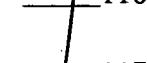
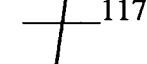
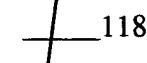
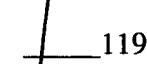
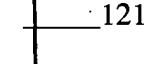
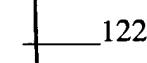
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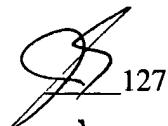
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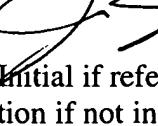
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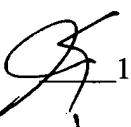
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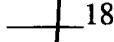
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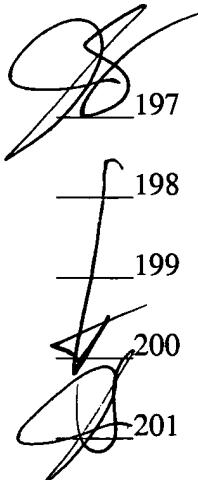
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